

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
HELENA DIVISION**

RICKY BARNARD TATOM, SR.
ADC #108115

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO: 2:13CV00035 DPM/HDY

CORIZON, INC. *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

PROPOSED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

The following recommended disposition has been sent to United States District Judge D.P. Marshall Jr. Any party may serve and file written objections to this recommendation. Objections should be specific and should include the factual or legal basis for the objection. If the objection is to a factual finding, specifically identify that finding and the evidence that supports your objection. An original and one copy of your objections must be received in the office of the United States District Court Clerk no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of the findings and recommendations. The copy will be furnished to the opposing party. Failure to file timely objections may result in waiver of the right to appeal questions of fact.

If you are objecting to the recommendation and also desire to submit new, different, or additional evidence, and to have a hearing for this purpose before the District Judge, you must, at the same time that you file your written objections, include the following:

1. Why the record made before the Magistrate Judge is inadequate.
2. Why the evidence proffered at the hearing before the District Judge (if such a hearing is granted) was not offered at the hearing before the Magistrate Judge.

3. The detail of any testimony desired to be introduced at the hearing before the District Judge in the form of an offer of proof, and a copy, or the original, of any documentary or other non-testimonial evidence desired to be introduced at the hearing before the District Judge.

From this submission, the District Judge will determine the necessity for an additional evidentiary hearing, either before the Magistrate Judge or before the District Judge.

Mail your objections and “Statement of Necessity” to:

Clerk, United States District Court
Eastern District of Arkansas
600 West Capitol Avenue, Suite A149
Little Rock, AR 72201-3325

DISPOSITION

Plaintiff Ricky Barnard Tatom, Sr., a former Arkansas Department of Correction (“ADC”) inmate, filed a *pro se* complaint on March 18, 2013. On June 18, 2013, the Court entered an order directing Plaintiff to file a response to two pending motions to dismiss (docket entry #45). That order also noted that mail sent to Plaintiff at his ADC address of record had been returned as undeliverable, with a notation that Plaintiff had been paroled, and directed Plaintiff to provide his current address. Plaintiff was warned that his failure to comply within 30 days would result in the recommended dismissal of his complaint.


More than 30 days have passed, and Plaintiff has not responded to the motions to dismiss, provided his current address, or otherwise responded to the order. Under these circumstances, the Court concludes that Plaintiff’s complaint should be dismissed without prejudice failure to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2), and for failure to respond to the Court’s order. *See Miller v. Benson*, 51 F.3d 166, 168 (8th Cir. 1995) (District courts have inherent power to dismiss *sua sponte* a case for

failure to prosecute, and exercise of that power is reviewed for abuse of discretion).

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's complaint be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for failure to comply with Local Rule 5.5(c)(2), and for failure to respond to the Court's order.
2. All pending motions be DENIED AS MOOT.
3. The Court certify that an *in forma pauperis* appeal taken from the order and judgment dismissing this action is considered frivolous and not in good faith.

DATED this 24 day of July, 2013.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE